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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: JOINT RECORD OF US/UK CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS,
AUGUST 20-22, 1975

1. TEXT OF JOINT RECORD OF US/UK CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS
SIGNED BY ROGERS OF DOT AND DEPUTY ASST. SECY. WALDMANN
ON AUGUST 22 FOLLOWS IN PARA 2. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF
TALKS FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

"US AND UK REPRESENTATIVES MET IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 20-
22, 1975, TO DISCUSS SEVERAL CIVIL AVIATION QUESTIONS OF
CURRENT INTEREST, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

"1. THE UK WISHED TO BE ASSURED THAT IF BCAL'S DESIG-
NATION WERE WITHDRAWN AS A RESULT OF THE UK POLICY REVIEW
THE AIRLINE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE CHARTER
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FLIGHTS TO AND FROM THE US ON THE PRESENT BASIS. IF THIS
WERE NOT POSSIBLE, THE UK WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER CONTINUING
TO LICENSE AND DESIGNATE BCAL TO ONE OR MORE US POINTS IN
ORDER TO RETAIN THE CHARTER OPPORTUNITIES ENJOYED BY

SCHEDULED OPERATORS. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE QUESTION

OF BCAL'S CHARTER AUTHORITY SHOULD BE RESOLVED AS PART OF DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER CHARTER MATTERS. IN VIEW OF THIS UNDERSTANDING, THE US REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT THEY WOULD SEE NO NEED FOR THE TIME BEING TO CHANGE PRESENT AUTHORIZATIONS WHICH AFFECT BCAL'S CHARTER OPERATIONS.

"2. THE QUESTION OF THE LAKER SKYTRAIN SERVICE WAS DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL IN LIGHT OF THE PREVIOUS EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, RECENT BRITISH POLICY PRO- NOUNCEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. THE US REPRESENTATIVES POINTED OUT THAT THE CAB HAD REQUESTED THAT ITS OPINION ON THE LAKER APPLICATION FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT BE WITHDRAWN. THE UK REPRESENTATIVE WISHED TO BE ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES DECIDE AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE THAT SKYTRAIN SERVICE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, THE US WOULD PROMPTLY ISSUE A PERMIT TO LAKER. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE LAKER SERVICE AND RECIPROCAL US AIRLINE SERVICE COULD BE OPERATED WOULD REQUIRE US-UK CONSULTA- TIONS. THE US REPRESENTATIVES GAVE THE UK REPRESENTATIVE ASSURANCES THAT, SHOULD THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TAKE THIS DECISION IN THE FUTURE, THE US WOULD GIVE PROMPT ATTEN- TION TO THE ISSUANCE OF A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT AT THAT TIME. THE US REPRESENTATIVES NOTED THAT SKYTRAIN OR ANY OTHER NOVEL SERVICE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THEN EXISTING ECONOMIC CIRCUM- STANCES. THEY ALSO STATED THAT THE US AUTHORITIES WOULD CONSIDER WITHOUT PREJUDICE THE RESTORATION OF LAKER'S PERMISSION TO OPERATE AFFINITY CHARTERS.

"3. THE US/UK AIRLINE CAPACITY SITUATION WAS DISCUSSED, AND IT WAS AGREED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES DESIRED TO AVOID THE OPERATION OF EXCESS CAPACITY HARMFUL TO BOTH THE AIRLINES AND THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC, AS WELL AS WASTEFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TO FUEL, AND THAT CAPACITY AGREEMENTS OFFERED ONE MEANS OF MEETING THESE PROBLEMS. THE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO BRING THESE CONSIDERATIONS AGAIN TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AIRLINES AND TO URGE THEM, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THEIR AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES AND CONSISTENT WITH THEIR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, TO PURSUE APPROPRIATE ACCORDS IN MARKETS WHERE THERE WOULD OTHER- WISE BE A DANGER OF EXCESS CAPACITY. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH ACCORDS, THE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT THE GOVERN- MENTS SHOULD CONSULT, IF NECESSARY, ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

4. THE UK REPRESENTATIVE AGREED TO CONSIDER SYMPATHE-

TICALLY THE REQUEST FOR A PAN AMERICAN INCENTIVE CHARTER

PROGRAM WITH THE FEDDERS CORPORATION.

"5. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEW US RULES ON ONE-STOP
INCLUSIVE TOUR AND SPECIAL EVENT CHARTERS AND FUTURE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ABC/TGC AND AFFINITY CHARTERS WOULD NEED
TO BE SETTLED SHORTLY.

"6. IT WAS AGREED TO MEET FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN
EARLY AUTUMN ON ANY OUTSTANDING CHARTER AND OTHER ISSUES
WHICH MIGHT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AT THAT TIME AND TO
INCLUDE IN THE AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING AN EXPLORATION OF
THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN A POSSIBLE ACCORD ON CHARTER AIR
SERVICES GENERALLY.

"GEORGE T. ROGERS "RAYMOND J. WALDMANN
UNDER SECRETARY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

"AUGUST 22, 1975." END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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